



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Segregation of Public Land for the Pinyon Solar Project, Maricopa County, AZ and the Elisabeth Solar Project, Yuma County, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of segregation.

SUMMARY: Through this notice the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is segregating public lands included in the right-of-way applications for the Pinyon Solar Project and the Elisabeth Solar Project from appropriation under the public land laws, including the Mining Law, but not the Mineral Leasing or Material Sales Acts, for a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice, subject to valid existing rights. This segregation is to allow for the orderly administration of the public lands to facilitate consideration of development of renewable energy resources. The public lands segregated by this notice total 4,439.92 acres.

DATES: This segregation for the lands identified in this notice takes effect on [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Derek Eysenbach, Project Manager, telephone: 601-417-9505, email: deysenbach@blm.gov, address: Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 1 North Central Ave, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the

relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regulations found at 43 CFR 2091.3-1(e) and 2804.25(f) allow the BLM to temporarily segregate public lands within a right-of-way application area for solar energy development from the operation of the public land laws, including the Mining Law, by publication of a *Federal Register* notice. The BLM uses this temporary segregation authority to preserve its ability to approve, approve with modifications, or deny proposed rights-of-way, and to facilitate the orderly administration of the public lands. This temporary segregation is subject to valid existing rights, including existing mining claims located before this segregation notice. Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature which would not impact lands identified in this notice may be allowed with the approval of an authorized officer of the BLM during the segregation period.

The lands segregated under this notice are legally described as follows:

Pinyon Solar Project – AZA38172

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 4 S., R. 1 E.,

sec. 34, SW1/4SE1/4.

T. 5 S., R. 1 E.,

sec. 2, SW1/4NW1/4, SW1/4, and SW1/4SE1/4;

sec. 3, lots 1 thru 4, S1/2NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, and S1/2;

sec. 10;

sec. 11, W1/2.

The areas described as the Pinyon Solar Project contain 1,879.92 acres, according to the official plats of the surveys of the said lands on file with the BLM.

Elisabeth Solar Project – AZA38371

Gila and Salt River Meridian

T. 5 S., R. 12 W.,

sec. 15, S1/2NE1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4NW1/4,
S1/2NW1/4NW1/4, SE1/4;

sec. 17, SE1/4NE1/4, SE1/4;

sec. 20, NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4;

sec. 22, E1/2NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4;

sec. 23, W1/2;

sec. 26, N1/2NE1/4NW1/4, NW1/4NW1/4;

sec. 28, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2, W1/2SE1/4;

sec. 29, NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4;

sec. 33, NW1/4NW1/4NE1/4, N1/2NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4NW1/4.

The areas described as the Elisabeth Solar Project aggregate 2,560 acres, more or less, according to the official plats of the surveys of the said lands on file with the BLM.

As provided in the regulations, the segregation of lands in this notice will not exceed 2 years from the date of publication unless extended for an additional 2 years through publication of a new notice in the *Federal Register*. The segregation period will terminate and the land will automatically reopen to appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, at the earliest of the following dates: upon issuance of a decision by the authorized officer granting, granting with modifications, or denying the application for a right-of-way; without further administrative action at the end of the segregation provided for in the *Federal Register* notice initiating the segregation; or upon publication of a *Federal Register* notice terminating the segregation.

Upon termination of the segregation of these lands, all lands subject to this segregation will automatically reopen to appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2091.3-1(e) and 43 CFR 2804.25(f))

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